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# Business, Social Sciences & Law Undergraduate Foundation Programme



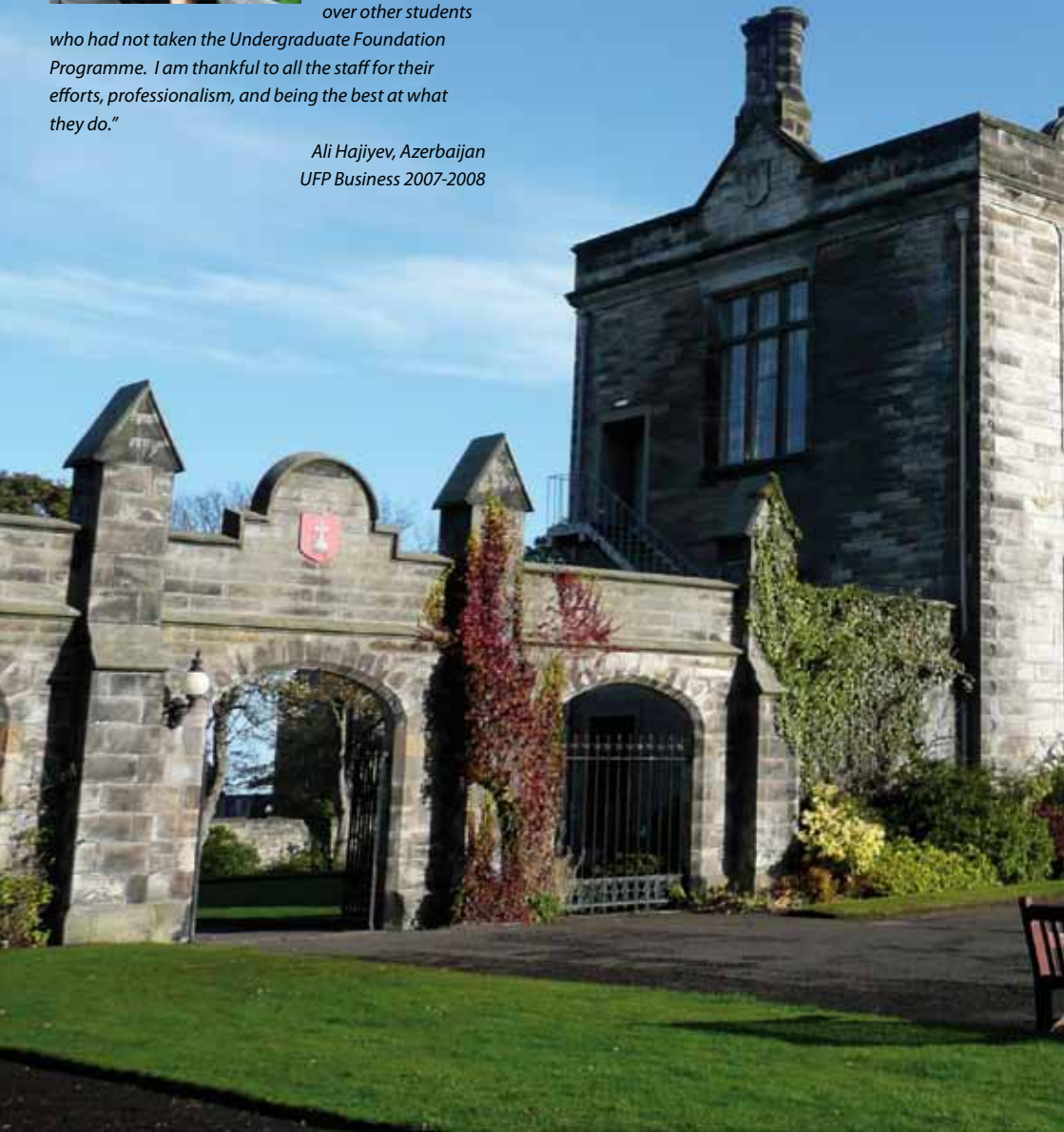
Centre for International Foundation Programmes



*"The CFP devotes great effort to teaching us students: I received all the thorough training and preparation required for my further undergraduate studies and felt that I had an advantage over other students*

*who had not taken the Undergraduate Foundation Programme. I am thankful to all the staff for their efforts, professionalism, and being the best at what they do."*

*Ali Hajiyev, Azerbaijan  
UFP Business 2007-2008*





- 7000+ students
- 600 years of history
- 5<sup>th</sup> in the Sunday Times 2010
- 4<sup>th</sup> in the Times 2010
- 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest university in the UK
- 20 years of successful foundation programmes
- 1<sup>st</sup> for student satisfaction for five years running

The University of St Andrews is located on the east coast of Scotland in the attractive mediaeval town of St Andrews. Surrounded by world-famous golf courses and stunning sandy beaches, it offers a cosmopolitan student experience in a unique historical setting.

The town and the University are closely intertwined, which creates a very different atmosphere from an campus-based University. Students and University staff make up about a third of the town's population, so the town really is the campus.

St Andrews is situated about forty miles north of Edinburgh, and about ten miles south of Dundee. Edinburgh airport (EDI) has regular flights to both London and many international destinations, as does Glasgow (GLA) – which is about two hours from St Andrews. Both airports have good connections to the international hubs of Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Paris too. Our local railway station, Leuchars, is on the main line to London, and the service is frequent.



*"When I first came to the C1FP, I thought it would be just another foundation course. However, as soon as I stepped through the door I realised this was not the case. The staff are very helpful with any query from accommodation to university applications. On the Undergraduate Foundation Programme I was able to try my hand at many subjects before beginning my Joint Honours Degree in Psychology and International Relations. I loved the project work and presentations as I was able to realise my full potential and learn new transferable skills."*



Yulia Perovskaya, Russia  
UFP Social Science & Law 2008-2009





### Student Life

The student life here is one of the main reasons that our students are so passionate about their St Andrews experience. Their votes have made us the top mainstream university in the annual National Student Satisfaction Survey for five years running.

We have more than 100 **student societies** providing opportunities to join all kinds of drama groups, debating societies, charity event organisers, national and cultural societies as well as a student radio, student development and newspaper.

There is an active **Music Centre**, and a range of bands and orchestras, choirs and groups who sing and perform at all levels. Many of our halls of residence have music practice rooms too.

The **Sports Centre** offers the chance to play basketball, squash, badminton, soccer and golf, or attend classes at the gym. There are more than 50 sports clubs including athletics, basketball, a range of martial arts, riding, sailing, ski and snowboarding, swimming, table tennis and Ultimate Frisbee.

There is a meeting and worship place for various major **faiths** and **religions**. See: [www.standrews.ac.uk/students/involve/faithandreligion](http://www.standrews.ac.uk/students/involve/faithandreligion)

The University has many unique **traditions** including the famous red gowns, the 'academic families' with senior students 'adopting' first year students, culminating in the Raisin Monday celebrations; the May Dip and the Pier Walk on Sunday mornings.

St Andrews may be a small mediaeval town, but it has a remarkably high number of coffee shops and restaurants, small fashionable boutiques as well as larger supermarkets; international five-star hotels as well as smaller B&B's, pubs and bars, and a theatre and cinema.

### CIFP

The Centre for International Foundation Programmes (CIFP) was created to provide undergraduate foundation programmes for international students, designed to bridge the gap between school-leaving qualifications in other countries and the demands of a university degree programme at the University of St Andrews, or at another UK university. We recognise that there are many able students whose first language is not English, and who will benefit from our integrated approach to language and academic modules. Our programmes are not simply about learning a subject, or improving knowledge of English, they are also about the experience of university and enabling international students to develop skills and confidence.

Our one-year programmes provide an entry route into undergraduate degree programmes across our faculties and are also recognised by other top-ranking British universities, and many of our students have also gone on to do degrees elsewhere. We assist with the UCAS application process, providing advice and support.





### Undergraduate Foundation Programme

This course is for school-leavers who have completed high school education outside the UK and graduated with good overall grades. In addition, Business students should have a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 (TOEFL 80) and Social Sciences & Law students should have IELTS 6.0 (TOEFL 90). The course aims to provide all students with the opportunities and support to bridge the gap between high school and university studies. This involves instruction and practice in a wide range of study skills and detailed individual feedback is provided to ensure improvement and build confidence.

Every effort is made to ensure that each individual student's needs are met by teaching in small groups of up to twelve students and assigning a specific member of the CIPP teaching staff to the monitoring and guidance of individual performance and progress. In addition, the Programme offers two alternative routes, depending on a student's future study plans.

### Business Route

This pathway is specifically tailored to the needs of those students who plan to apply for undergraduate degree programmes for example in Management, Economics, Finance or Marketing. In addition to lectures and tutorials in these subjects, many of the study skills assessments are focused on the subjects so that students can enhance their understanding and usage of business language and vocabulary. Graduates from this programme will be fully equipped to discuss, debate and analyse all of the key areas of business studies.

### Social Sciences & Law Route

This pathway is specifically for students who plan to apply for undergraduate degrees, for example in International Relations, Psychology, Philosophy, or Law. Students will study the basic concepts and theories of the social sciences as well as follow in-depth courses in British sociology and English literature. A wide range of background knowledge is essential for success in

studying these disciplines and this route aims to expand students' understanding of the complexities of the social sciences.

### Programme Structure

On both routes, students will have 21 – 23 hours of classes per week. Mornings are dedicated to key study skills, including:

- Academic essays: planning, researching, writing and referencing.
- Oral presentations: effective communication techniques.
- Listening to lectures: enhancing understanding, note-taking strategies.
- Group project and research skills: team-working for assessments.
- Advanced English language: reading and academic vocabulary.
- Social and cultural studies: critical analysis and debate.

Afternoons are reserved for academic lectures and tutorials, and the balance of assessment shifts from language towards academic subjects throughout the three terms. Typical combinations of subjects include:

- Economics, Management, Marketing, Mathematics
- Economics, Finance, Mathematics, Statistics
- Art History, International Relations, Philosophy, Psychology
- Economics, International Relations, Law, Philosophy

Other combinations of subjects, and additional subjects of interest, can be offered. Options can vary slightly from year to year and exact details are available on request. Selection of students is rigorous and numbers are restricted in order that each student given a place on the Programme has the maximum opportunity to succeed and to fulfil their future ambitions.





David Russell Apartments



### Accommodation

Accommodation for our Foundation students is part of the package we offer. Our students typically stay in either David Russell Apartments or New Hall.

Completed in 1993, New Hall is a popular hall on the North Haugh, close to the Science schools and Medicine, offering catered accommodation in comfortable en-suite bedrooms with nineteen meals provided per week during term-time, and self-catering during vacation.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/parents/Guidetoresidences/NewHall/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/parents/Guidetoresidences/NewHall/)

David Russell Apartments opened in 2003. The rooms are arranged in blocks of five each with a private shower and WC, and a well-equipped communal kitchen. Ten meals per week are provided in the Hall's bistro and other meals can be bought as required.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/parents/Guidetoresidences/DavidRussellApartments/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/parents/Guidetoresidences/DavidRussellApartments/)

Both halls of residence have laundry facilities, music practice rooms, computer rooms, games rooms, and both remain open throughout all vacations. Both halls have telephones and broadband internet access in the bedrooms. There is some insurance cover for students' property, but separate insurance is required for valuable electronic, musical or sports equipment.

### Fees

All programmes at the University's Centre for International Foundation Programmes have an all-inclusive fee.

This fee includes tuition for the whole year, and accommodation in one of our selected residences, with meals provided during term-times. Also included are airport transfers at the beginning of the academic year, core coursebooks and textbooks, laboratory coats and dissection kits, (if required) stationery, and some social events and excursions. Current dates and fees can be found at [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/fees](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/fees)

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## Undergraduate Subjects

Successful completion of the Foundation Programme will allow you to progress onto one of the degrees listed below. Some degrees may have additional requirements, e.g. a pass in Mathematics at a specified level (for Financial Economics).

Arabic  
Arabic & Middle East Studies  
Art History  
Classical Studies  
Economics  
Film Studies  
Financial Economics  
Geography

History  
International Relations  
Logic & Philosophy of Science  
Management  
Management Science  
Middle East Studies  
Modern History

Philosophy  
Psychology  
Scottish History  
Social Anthropology  
Spanish  
Statistics  
Sustainable Development

Graduates of the UFP have previously been admitted on to degree programmes at the following universities: Bristol, Bath, Durham, Warwick, Southampton, Lancaster, UCL (and others).



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For current programme dates and fees, please visit:  
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/fees](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/fees)

## Prospectus

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